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I should make my views known to Washington. Chancellor himself intended see Hoyer Millar following morning and use every argument to have this sentence eliminated.

"Viewed from standpoint ratification EDC I think elimination this sentence essential. It can do no good and could do irreparable harm to army project. Russians might in any case discuss organization of European security if meeting is held. But let them do so unilaterally. If there is exchange of views this subject, debate might be almost interminable. Meanwhile fears aroused by possibility withdrawal American and British troops west of Rhine will shake proponents of united Europe in capitals six participating nations. Moreover such discussion would seriously impair value proposed British association with EDC. In France issue would be eagerly seized upon by opponents EDC to argue that if allies are reasonable, deal could be made with Soviets making German military contribution unnecessary or else ratification process EDC French Parliament should be delayed until clear Soviets unwilling accept fair organization of European security.

"There are many other arguments against this sentence, but I will limit myself to above and statement of personal opinion that if such an exchange of views should take place with Soviets at Lugano chances of EDC ratification in France and perhaps elsewhere could be disastrously affected. BRUCE."

I left at 9:30 p.m. by train from Bad Godesberg.

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